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1. IN APPARENT EFFORT CORRECT ERRONEOUS IMPRESSION HE HAD MADE IN PREVIOUS CONVERSATION (REFTEL, DIRECTOR SECOND POLITICAL DEPARTMENT HAKIM (ARYUBI) ASKED ADCM TO CALL ON HIM OCT 2 FOR DISCUSSION ITEMS OF INTEREST. REQUEST FOLLOWED BRIEF MEETING OCT 1 WHEREIN HE HAD PROVIDED ANSWERS SEVERAL PENDING QUESTIONS (SEPTELS). HAKIM ALSO TOOK OPPORTUNITY DISCUSS ANTI-REGIME ACTIVITIES OF MAIWANDWAL ET AL WITH PARTICULAR REFERENCE PAKISTANI INVOLVEMENT.
2. LEADING OFF CONVERSATION, HAKIM SAID GOA (AND RGA IN PAST IMPLIED) HAS ALWAYS PROVIDED PEACEFUL SUPPORT TO LEGAL ASPIRATIONS OF PUSHTUN PEOPLES AND THEIR LEADERS. HE CONFIRMED WALI KHAN HAD SOUGHT PEACEFUL SOLUTION WITHIN PAKISTANI FRAMEWORK BUT HAD SO
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ATTEMPT. HAKIM CLAIMED THAT SAME ELEMENTS IN GOP WHICH WERE INVOLVED IN MAIWANDWAL PLOT WERE BEHIND ATTEMPT ON WALI KHAN'S LIFZ BECAUSE THEIR BASIC AIM IS TO KILL PUSHTUN LEADERS WHETHER IN AFGHANISTAN OR PAKISTAN ("OCCUPIED PUSHTUNISTAN" AS HE TERMED IT).

3. HAKIM HAS ASKED RETORICALLY WHAT WOULD/COULD GOA DO IF PUSHTUN LEADERS FROM PAKISTAN TOMORROW ASKED GOA FOR ASSISTANCE. HE EMPHASIZED SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES WHICH SUCH QUESTION WOULD POSE FOR GOA. ADCM FULLY AGREED. NEVERTHELESS, HAKIM AVERRED GAO WOULD DO ALL IT POSSIBLY COULD. HIS EMPHASIS ON WORD "POSSIBLY" IMPLIED RECOGNITION THAT GOA COULD EFFECTIVELY TAKE LITTLE ACTION IN SUPPORT OF PAKISTANI PUSHTUNS. HAKIM ADDED HE STRONG PUSHTUN -- FROM JAJI TRIBE IN PAKTIA PROVINCE; BUT HE RECOGNIZES LIMITS OF GOA CAPABILITIES.

4. AS LONG TIME FRIEND PACHA GUL (MINISTER OF FRONTIERS AND PROBABLY CENTRAL COMMITTEE MEMBER) AND ACQUAINTANCE OF OTHER YOUNG OFFICERS INVOLVED IN JULY 17 COUP, HE ALLEGED HE WAS "IN THE KNOW" REGARDING DAOUD/YOUNG OFFICERS' PLANS. HE EMPHASIZED NEW LEADERS WERE ALL STRONG AFGHAN NATIONALISTS (AND PROBABLY PUSHTUN NATIONALISTS). HE STRONGLY DENIED ANY PARCHAMIST CONNECTIONS (HE VOLUNTEERED MINAG BAKHTARI WAS NOT MEMBER OF PARCHAM ALTHOUGH FAMILY RELATED TO BABRAK.) HE STRONGLY DENIED NEW LEADERS WERE ORIENTED TOWARD ANY FOREIGN COUNTRY IN SPITE OF ANY TRAINING THEY MAY HAVE RECEIVED ABROAD.

5. HE IMPLIED THAT DIFFERENCE HAD ARISEN BETWEEN DAOUD AND GUNG HO YOUNG OFFICERS ON ISSUE OF ARRESTING MAIWANDWAL AND CO-PLOTTERS. HE SAID YOUNG OFFICERS FAVORED IMMEDIATE ARRESTS WHEN PLOT DISCOVERED BUT THAT DAOUD HAD INSISTED ON WAITING UNTIL DOCUMENTATION WAS AVAILABLE. NOW, HE SAID, DAOUD HAD BEEN RIGHT AND DAOUD'S POSITION HAD BEEN STRENGTHENED. HE CONFIRMED INVESTIGATIONS AND ARRESTS STILL CONTINUING.

6. RETURNING TO PUSHTUNISTAN, HE CONCLUDED CONVERSATION ON NOTE THAT PAKISTAN LEADERS MUST SHOW FOREBEARANCE AND ACCEPT MODERATE APPROACH THAT WALI KHAN ADVOCATES; OTHERWISE YOUNGER RADICAL ELEMENTS OF NAP WOULD EITHER TAKE OVER OR FORCE WALI KHAN TO TAKE STEP EXACTLY AS MUJIB IN EAST PAKISTAN HAD BEEN FORCED EARLIER WHICH HAD LED TO CIVIL WAR AND INDEPENDENCE OF BANGLADESH.
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